

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

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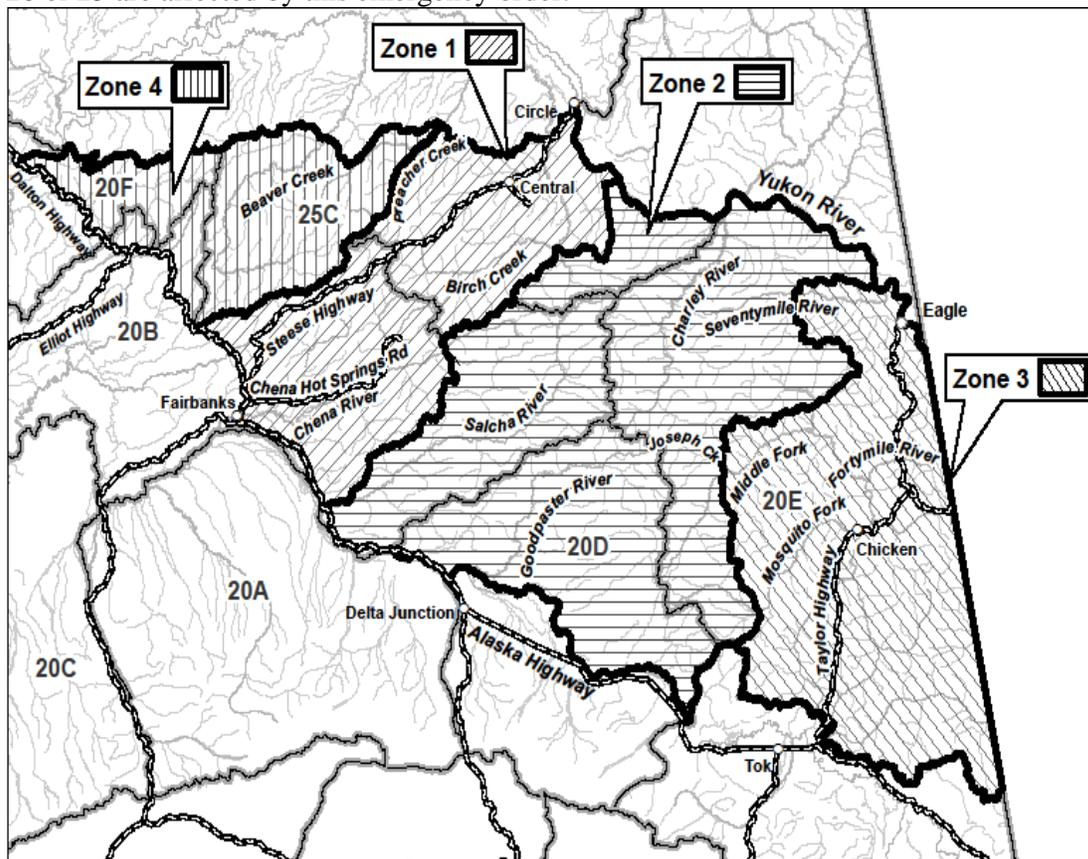
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Expiration Date: June 30, 2013
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order closes Zone 1 in central Game Management Unit 20B and central Unit 25C. Zone 1 is accessible from the Steese Highway and Chena Hot Springs Road.

Zones 2, 3, and 4 remain open in other portions of Unit 20B, Unit 20D north of the Tanana River, Unit 20E, and other portions of Units 25C and 20F. No other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 or 25 are affected by this emergency order.



REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 20(B), that portion within the Chatanika River drainage north of the Steese Highway and east of the Elliott Highway, and that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, except the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and except the Salcha River drainage.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only, or
 1 caribou by registration permit only;
 or
 1 caribou by registration permit only,
 during a season that may be announced
 by emergency order within a portion of
 the area during the period Dec. 1–
 Mar. 31

Aug. 29
 Dec. 1–Mar. 31
 (General Hunt Only)
 (Season to be
 announced by
 emergency order)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29

Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway within the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River drainage upstream from and including the Teuchet Creek drainage and the Salcha River drainage.

Units and Bag Limits

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only, or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or
1 caribou by registration permit only,
during a season that may be announced
by emergency order within a portion of
the area during the period Dec. 1–
Mar. 31

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)
(Season to be
announced by
emergency order)

**Nonresident
Open Season**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Units 20(B) and 20(F), those
portions north and west of the
Steese Highway, north and east of
the Elliott Highway to its
intersection with the Dalton
Highway, then east of the Dalton
Highway and south of the Yukon
River, excluding the Chatanika
River drainage.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only, or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or
1 caribou by registration permit only,
during a season that may be announced
by emergency order within a portion of
the area during the period Dec. 1–
Mar. 31

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)
(Season to be
announced by
emergency order)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Unit 20(D), that portion north of
the south bank of the Tanana
River.

Units and Bag Limits

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only, or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or
1 caribou by registration permit only,
during a season that may be announced
by emergency order within a portion of
the area during the period Dec. 1–Mar.
31

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)
(Season to be
announced by
emergency order)

**Nonresident
Open Season**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Remainder of Unit 20(B)

Aug. 10–Sept. 20
(General hunt only)

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

1 bull

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Unit 25(C), that portion east of the
east bank of the mainstem of
Preacher Creek to its confluence
with American Creek, then east of
the east bank of American Creek,
excluding that portion within the
drainage of the south fork of Birch
Creek and excluding that portion
within the Yukon–Charley Rivers
National Preserve.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or

Aug. 29
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)

Units and Bag Limits

1 caribou by registration permit only, during a season that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during the period Dec. 1–Mar. 31

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

**Nonresident
Open Season**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 29

Remainder of Unit 25(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or
1 caribou by registration permit only;
or
1 caribou by registration permit only, during a season that may be announced by emergency order within a portion of the area during the period Dec. 1–Mar. 31

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Mar. 31
(General Hunt Only)
(Season to be announced by emergency order)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

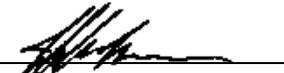
All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are not affected by this emergency order.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2012 through 2018. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25% to the winter hunt. The fall harvest quota is further subdivided into zones within the RC860 registration hunt area, each with its own quota. The fall 2012 quota in Zone 1, which is accessible from the Steese Highway and Chena Hot Springs Road in Units 20B and 25C, is 225 bull caribou. Fortymile caribou are plentiful in Zone 1 and harvest is expected to be high. We expect the harvest quota for Zone 1 to be reached by the date and time of closure. No further fall harvest of caribou under the State of Alaska season is warranted in Zone 1 of the RC860 hunt area unless harvest is lower than anticipated.

Cora Campbell

Commissioner

By delegation to: Jeffrey A. Gross
Area Biologist**DISTRIBUTION:**

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